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TAGS: CASA LE YS

SUBJ: POSSIBLE TRIAL IN ADEN OF LEBANESE ITT EMPLOYEE

REF: BEIRUT 9088 OF AUG 2, 1973

1. RE REFTEL, LOCAL ITT REP, LARDER, APPROACHED EMBASSY ABOUT AFP ARTICLE OF DEC 1. FROM ADEN WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL LEBANESE PRESS CONCERNING "THE TRIAL OF MEMBERS OF AN ESPIONAGE NETWORK IN THE PAY OF ITT AND WORKING FOR THE CIA AND ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE SERVICES". HEAD OF ALLEGED SPY RING IS A MERCHANT OF INDIAN ORIGIN, MOHAMED ALI GHOULAM MOULDINA. ACCORDING TO LARDER, MOULDINA IS THE BROTHER OF THE FORMER ITT REP IN ADEN WHO WAS ARRESTED ABOUT 20 MONTHS AGO AND WHO DIED IN JAIL. IT WAS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SEE THIS PERSON THAT THE LEBANESE EMPLOYEE OF ITT, MINKARA, WAS PICKED UP BY THE ADEN POLICE AUTHORITIES AND HAS BEEN HELD EVER SINCE.

2. LARDER HAS MADE SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO SECURE RELEASE OF MINKARA BOTH THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY HERE AND LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. ITT PAID TRAVEL OF LEBANESE AMB IN SANAA TO VISIT ADEN. ONLY INFO OBTAINED WAS THAT MINKARA WAS BEING HELD WITHOUT CHARGE AS A MATERIAL WITNESS.

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3. LARDER IS CONCERNED ABOUT RAMIFICATIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE TRIAL PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ALLEGED ISRAELI CONNECTION. EVEN IF MINKARA DOES NOT APPEAR AT TRIAL, THERE WOULD STILL REMAIN THE CHARGES AGAINST THE MOULDINAS.

4. LARDER HAS REQUESTED BRITISH EMBASSY AGAIN ATTEMPT OBTAIN FURTHER INFO FROM BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL IN ADEN. WILL KEEP US POSTED.
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